

Water Transportation Advisory Board
September 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:03 pm on September 15, 2011, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference room 512 in Frankfort, KY.

The Advisory Board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Steve Alley, Nickie Smith, Ed Riney, and Norb Whitlock. Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC
Rhiannon Ryan, Louisville District, USACE
Keith Landry, Walbridge
Joe Crabtree, KTC
David Hamilton, KIA

Lynn Soporowski, KYTC
Linda Murphy, Louisville District, USACE
Keith Damron, KYTC
Russell Casey, CED
Jerry Graves, KIA

The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. A call-in option was offered in listen only mode.

The Chair briefly discussed the terms of the members on the Advisory Board and introduced Ed Riney as the newly appointed member of the Advisory Board to fill the seat of Jay Hunt. It was also announced that Greg Pritchett and Steve Alley had been reappointed to the Advisory Board. The Chair then asked for all those in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No public comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the July 29, 2011, meeting for review. **Norb Whitlock moved that the June 9, 2011, minutes are accepted as presented.** Second by Steve Alley. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then asked Russell Casey to give an update on the Economic Development study being done with the Corp of Engineers. In partnership with the Energy Cabinet and Economic Development Cabinet, the Corp will be conducting a study to develop criteria for River Certified sites. A general scope of work has been developed, but the next steps are to develop a detailed scope of work, timetable, and deliverables. There was then a lengthy Question and Answer session between attendees and representatives with Economic Development and the Corp of Engineers on the study.

The Chair then moved into a working session reviewing the draft report from the Advisory Board to the Secretary and the draft guidance document for the infrastructure fund. Copies of the report were distributed to the attendees and comments were solicited on needed changes or suggestions. Some of the comments that were brought out were that the report should identify who the recommendations are addressed towards for action, how has the Advisory Board fulfilled their KRS mandated activities, define what the duties of the waterways staff person within KYTC would be, and the infrastructure fund guidance document should be separated into one for the infrastructure fund and one for the marketing fund. **Nickie Smith made a motion that Greg Pritchett makes the necessary changes to the report and Norb Whitlock makes the changes to the guidance document.** Second by Steve Alley. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair notified the Advisory Board that the October 4th meeting of the Waterways Subcommittee would have a discussion of the recent Panama Canal Expansion meeting in Paducah and an update from the Advisory Board on their activities for the year.

Nickie Smith made a motion for the next meeting to be held on November 10th at 2:00pm at the KYTC Conference Center. Second by Norb Whitlock. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

Ed Riney asked Joe Crabtree to give a brief update on the Four Modes Study being conducted by the Transportation Center. It was reported that the study is underway, a scope of work has been approved, and the contract has been signed. Current work includes conducting literature research and contacting other states for best practices.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chair at 3:30pm.

The following board members then completed their annual ethics training: Steve Alley, Nickie Smith, Greg Pritchett, Norb Whitlock, and Ed Riney.

Submitted:

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